

Adam County Council of Government

Meeting Minutes June 25, 2020

Meeting called to Order by President Laughman at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Officers Present: President Laughman, Vice President Mauser, Treasurer, Pat Smith, & Secretary, Danielle Helwig

Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, East Berlin, Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Oxford, and County of Adams

Others Present: Rep. Torren Ecker, Catherine Wallen (Rep Ecker), Robin Fitzpatrick (AEA), Steve Navada (County Manager), Laura Neiderer (ACOPD), Sherri Clayton-Williams (ACOPD), Ralph Serpey (AC Community Foundation), Sgt. Michael Burns (PSP), Bev Frey (Sen. Mastriano), Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul), Larissa Bailey (Sen. Toomey), and Alex Hayes (Gettysburg Times)

On a motion made by Phiel (ACC), and 2nd by Prehn (Arendtsville) the February minutes are approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Gordon (Hamiltonban) and 2nd by Ketterman (Germany) the Treasurer's report is approved. Motion carried.

Open Discussion by Roll Call:

In roll call order, the municipality representative gave a brief comment on what was happening with in their municipality.

New Business:

- Bob Gordon reminded everyone about Resolution 1 and 2 for the year (Rural Broadband & Volunteer Fire Relief fund) Danielle will send these out again for consideration at the July Meeting. The house passed two new bills regarding Broadband service.

Regular Business:

- ACC: Spoke earlier in the meeting
- Legislative Representatives:
 1. Rep. Ecker: Mentioned the broadband bills. A 5-month stabilization budget has been passed. There will be many budget cuts. New programs will be put on hold. Mentioned a manufacturing housing bill that would allow for another option for valuing them. Act 22 was signed into law. Strangulation Bill Signed into law. Return to school guidelines.
 2. Chris Kimple (Rep Moul): Mentioned HB 2626 – addresses Mail in Ballots. This bill will allow envelopes to be opened 21 days prior to the election to hopefully help with the issues that the fold creates for the machines. There are many requirements to keep these ballots secure. Bar coding will be implemented to eliminate fraud. HB 2571 would not allow elected officials of Boroughs with a population of 4000 or more to be employees of the borough.

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3. Bev Frey (Sen Mastriano): Office is open by appointment only. The Senator has been busing working to eliminate Bureaucratic red tape. Mentioned SB 910 (Fire), SB 1122 (Crisis Program), SB 607 (Radar Bill), HB 2455, and Business licenses have been extended.
4. Larissa (Sen. Toomey): Federal Update: State Offices are open and functional across the state. The Harrisburg office is open, the DC office is closed. Larissa does cover Adams County. The Senator is mainly focusing on reopening our economy. Provided a quick timeline on what needs to be done before the end of the year and by election.
5. ACOGD: Sherri Clayton -Williams – DEP is going electronic for permits which will affect NPDES permits. Training will not happen until after the start of the program. The Planning office is assisting with the COVID Relief Funds. Information can be found on the County Web page under Announcements. This money is different from CBDG funds. Laura Neiderer (Transportation Planner): Mentioned ACTPO – On June 8 ACTPO authorized to advertise for the 30- day comment period for the draft TIP. Begins June 15 and runs through July 17. Virtual meeting will be held July 1. The TIP is scheduled to be adopted July 29. LRTP (Long Term Transportation Plan) Laura will be meeting with municipalities.
6. Township Officials Association: Bob Gordon mentioned that the Secretarial luncheon will be on September 29.
7. Boroughs Association: last meeting was virtual and Dan Moul was the speaker.
8. PSP: Lt. Nickey has been promoted to Captain. The new Lt. is Todd W (sp). Enforcement changes have taken place, such as traffic enforcement has backed down to eliminate person to person contact, but it will continue to spike up as things are opened back up. Spoke about the possible July 4th protest. They are having many meetings and addressing all the concerns.
9. Destination Gettysburg: January and February tourism at an all time high. It has dropped since COVID hit. They had to furlough and give pay cuts. Thanked the ACC for their support to help recover the tourism business. Hotel Sales are down 78%.
10. ACTCC: No Report
11. Schools: No Report
12. AEA: Robin Fitzpatrick – The office has remained open. There has been 74 million dollars in applications for the zero % interest loans. 1.2 million just in Adams County. The DCED has frozen all normal business programs. GARA is partnering with Destination Gettysburg to do the fireworks which will be streamed live.

Committee Reports:

- AC Collaboration – No report
- Legislative – Bob spoke earlier
- Emergency Services – No Report

Public Comment:

- Ralph Surpey: Adams County Community Foundation. This is a public charity raises money for Adams County. This year they will grant about 200,000.00. 170 separate charitable funds
- Alex Hayes -Gettysburg Times: The paper took a big hit and moved to a 3-day print model. Happy to report that they are back to printing 6 days a week. Some staff are now back to full time.

Announcements:

The COG Executive Board has been invited to the Ribbon Cutting for the Needle Disposal. President Laughman will be attending.

On a motion made by Prehn and 2nd by Phiel the meeting is adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township

Secretary

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